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SUBJ: WMO-WRAP UP OF WMO CONGRESS

1. SUMMARY. SEVERAL MAJOR MILESTONES ACHIEVED BY THE SEVENTH WMO CONGRESS, EXPANDING AND BROADENING WMO ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF METEOROLOGY AND HYDROLOGY. END SUMMARY.

2. AMENDMENTS TO WMO CONVENTION TO BROADEN ITS ACTIVITIES IN FIELD OF OPERATIONAL HYDROLOGY PROVIDES NEW INTERNATIONAL FOCUS FOR THIS WORK. DECISION TO INITIATE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL WEATHER MODIFICATION RESEARCH EFFORT IS DEPARTURE FOR ORGANIZATION IN FIELD OF GROWING SIGNIFICANCE. UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR GLOBAL ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH PROGRAM AND FIRST GARP GLOBAL EXPERIMENT INCLUDING INDICATIONS OF FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL PARTICIPATION BY MANY COUNTRIES AUGURS WELL FOR THIS PROGRAM.

3. CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR WORLD WEATHER WATCH DEVELOPMENT INSURES  
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SYSTEMATIC IMPROVEMENTS IN WORLDWIDE WEATHER FORECASTING CAP-

ABILITIES OF ALL NATIONS. ADOPTION OF MAJOR NEW EFFORT IN AGRICULTURAL METEOROLOGY IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION SHOULD ENABLE WMO TO MEET COMMITMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RESOLUTION ON AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR CLIMATE AND CROPS, PENDING RESOLUTION OF PRACTICAL DETAILS LEFT FOR LATE CONSIDERATION. PROGRAM WILL ALSO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ENABLE THEM TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH IMPROVED AGROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES. CONGRESS ACTION THIS ITEM REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANT RESPONSE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S INITIATIVE AT SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF GA.

4. MAXIMUM EXPENDITURES APPROVED BY THE CONGRESS AT REASONABLE FIGURE OF DOLS 40,542,000 ALMOST TWO MILLION DOLLARS BELOW MAXIMUM EXPENDITURES ACCEPTABLE TO US. INCREASE IN SECRETARIAT RESTRICTED TO TOTAL OF 17 OF POSTS TOTALLING 238. BELIEVE THESE BUDGETARY AND PERSONNEL PROVISIONS SHOULD PERMIT EFFICIENT OPERATION FOR NEXT FOUR YEARS WHILE REDUCING NUMBERS OF WORKING GROUPS AND PAPERWORK. SUPPORT FOR REASONABLE BUDGETARY LEVEL GENERAL THOUGHTOUT CONGRESS.

5. BUDGET RESOLUTION INCLUDES THREE FLEXIBILITY CLAUSES, (A) TO COVER INCREASES IN STAFF SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES RESULTING FROM UN DECISIONS TO EXTENT NOT COVERED BY ECONOMIES; (B) TO COVER EXCHANGE RATE LOSSES UP TO DOLS 500,000 ; AND (C) TO COVER UNFORESEEN PROGRAM ACTIVITIES OF AN URGENT NATURE UP TO DOLS 500,000, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF MEMBERS. SECOND FLEXIBILITY CLAUSE, AS PRESENTED BY SECGEN, PROVIDED COVERAGE ALSO OF INFLATION, BUT THIS DELETED AT US INITIATIVE. ONLY ON THE ISSUE OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING AID CONGRESS DID VOTE AMOUNTS SOMEWHAT LARGER THAN US DESIRED BUT STILL REASONABLE IN VIEW OVERALL REDUCTION ACHIEVED FROM SECGEN'S ORIGINAL PROPOSALS.

6. A SUMMARY OF THE AMOUNTS OF MONEY VOTED FOR EACH MAJOR AREA OF ACTIVITY FOLLOWD:

I. POLICY-MAKING ORGANS..1,080  
II. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT..2,100  
III. TECHNICAL PROGRAMMES  
A. WORLD WEATHER WATCH..3,900  
B. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME..5,200  
C. METEOROLOGICAL APPLICATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME..4,500  
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D. HYDROLOGY AND WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME..1,900  
IV. TECHNICAL COOPERATION REGIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAM..4,500  
V. PROGRAMME SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES..9,152  
VI. ADMINISTRATION AND COMMON SERVICES..6,900  
VII. OTHER BUDGETARY PROVISIONS..1,310  
TOTAL 40,142

7. CONGRESS ALSO APPROVED SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION FOR SIXTH

FINANCIAL PERIOD OF 1.4 MILLION DOLS. THIS AMOUNT, AS RESULT INFLATION AND CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS, EXCEEDS RECOMMENDATION OF 26TH EC BY DOLS 300,000, WHICH LATTER AMOUNT WILL BE COVERED BY UNEXPECTED INCOME AND WILL NOT BE ASSESSED AGAINST MEMBERS.

8. POLITICAL ISSUES RELATING TO SUSPENSION OF SOUTH AFRICA, SEATING OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS OBSERVERS, ADMISSION OF NORTH VIETNAM AND NORTH KOREA, AND SEATING OF PRG WERE DECIDED ALONG PREDICTABLE LINES, WITH US TAKING LEAD IN INSISTING THAT WMO CONSTITUTINAL PROCEDURE BE SCRUPULOUSLY FOLLOWED.

9. EC ELECTION RESULTS, WHILE REFLECTING COMMON UN TENDENCY TO INCREASE REPRESENTATION LDC'S, DOES NOT APPEAR INDICATE CONSCIOUS ANTI-WESTERN BIAS ON PART OF MAJORITY OR DESIRE ITS PART DENY ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION TO COUNTRIES HAVING ADVANCED WEATHER SERVICES. FAILURE TO HAVE WESTERN REPRESENTATIVE ON BUREAU REQUIRES RECTIFICATION AND POINTS UP NECESSITY OF CAREFUL PLANNING FOR NEXT CONGRESS. FAILURE TO OBTAIN SEAT FOR MASON (UK) ON BUREAU INFLUENCED LARGELY BY PERSONAL ELEMENT. EXPECT ARRANGEMENTS FOR INFORMAL PARTICIPATION OF US IN BUREAU DELIBERATIONS WHICH WILL GIVE NECESSARY VOICE TO WEST IN BUREAU DECISIONS.

10. IN SPITE OF POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES EARLY IN SESSION AND HARD BARGAINING ON BUDGET, CONGRESS CLOSED MAY 23 ON QUIETLY OPTIMISITC NOTE. HOWEVER, IN A GENERALLY COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING STATEMENT, SOVIET DELEGATE HINTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD DIFFICULTY WITH THE LEVEL OF THE BUDGET AND MIGHT BE FACED WITH SERIOUS PROBLEMS IF EXPENDITURES ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE THE MAXIMUM EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS. DALE

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